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Substitute Specification

IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS OPERABLE IN TWO IMAGE FORMATION MODES
USING EITHER ONE DEVELOPING DEVICE OR A PLURALITY OF
DEVELOPING DEVICES

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5 FIELD OF THE INVENTION AND RELATED ART

The present invention relates to an image forming
apparatus such as an electrophotographic apparatus, for
example, a copying machine, a laser printer, etc. It also
relates to an image forming apparatus such as an electrostatic
10 recording apparatus.

In multicolor image formation, generally, a plurality of
electrostatic latent images are sequentially formed on a
photosensitive member as an image bearing member, in
accordance with external data, and are sequentially developed
15 with a plurality of developers different in color, one for
one, into a plurality of images different in color (which
hereinafter may be referred to as "toner images"). These
toner images are transferred onto recording medium, for
example, recording paper, sequentially or all at once to yield
20 a multicolor image.

As for image developing apparatuses used for the above
described multicolor image formation, developing apparatuses
of the rotary type have been proposed or put to practical use,